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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT  
NORFOLK 11, VIRGINIA

18 December 1951

General Walter B. Smith, USA  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bedell:

I was sorry you could not come down to the Armed Forces Staff College for your address to the students. I have gone through the same thing and understand your discomfort. I hope that you soon will be fit again to face the enemy (including biting him, if necessary).

I hope you can manage a substitute date in January. Confirming the telephone conversation Captain Kemp Tolley had with your office, the following mornings are open: 14th to 17th inclusive, and the 21st of January.

I am particularly interested in intelligence. I feel that your coming will do much to help us in our mission to train officers for joint work at theater level and for large task forces. At the same time it will inspire them to so perform their jobs in intelligence that it will ultimately benefit your office. I do hope you can come.

Sincerely yours,

  
A. D. BRUCE  
Lt. Gen., USA  
Commandant

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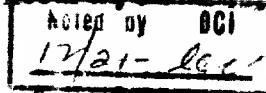
MEMORANDUM TO: GENERAL SMITH

The attached letter from General Bruce states they would like to have you speak any morning during the period 14-17 January inclusive or 21 January.

I note you have promised [redacted] to attend the National Printing Week dinner on 17 January, at which time you are to receive the Benjamin Franklin Medal.

Unless you are firmly committed to General Bruce, suggest we send Mr. Shane McCarthy.

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